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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

- 1. Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
- 2. Amendment
- Notice of Appeal (in duplicate)

was sent to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by telefax to the attention of Examiner W. Moore, fax number (571)273-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 27, 2006

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Sir.

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed May 25, 2006.

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action be extended for a period of three months from August 25, 2006 to November 25, 2006. The required fee for the extension is estimated to be \$1,020.

No additional claims fee is required.

Please charge the required extension fee, estimated to be \$1,020, to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Mall Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 25, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks and arguments begin on page 6 of this document.